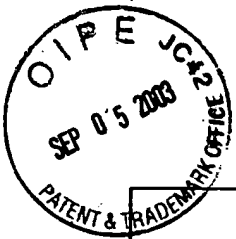


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TOTAL OF ABOVE CLAIMS FEES =					0
Reduction by 1/2 for <b>small entity status</b> of applicant					
SUBTOTAL =					0
Fee for extension of time (per attached Petition)					
Other fee for					
TOTAL OF ALL FEES =					0

..... A check in the amount of \$0 is enclosed. If no check or an insufficient check is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.

☒ In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and that a separate petition is not submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee is authorized above.

Date: September 5, 2003

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 9, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment A**.

**Amendments to the Abstract** are reflected in the replacement sheet(s) provided herewith in **Attachment B**.